Triangular Co-operation and Aid Effectiveness

Main Findings
“...a way of fostering development by leveraging the best features of cooperation between developing countries with assistance from developed countries”

(UNDP, 2004)

“...a growing dimension of international development cooperation, playing a complementary role to traditional bilateral and multilateral aid.”

(UN ECOSOC Development Co-operation Forum 2008)

“We encourage further development of triangular co-operation.”

(Accra High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, para 19)

“...an important link that can enhance synergies between South-South and North-South cooperation.”

(L’Aquila G8 Summit)
Working Definition

DAC Members

Beneficiary countries

Other providers of development co-operation
Who is Involved?

**DAC Members**
- 16
- BEL, CAN, DNK, FIN, FRA, DEU, ITA, JPN, LUX, NOR, ESP, SWE, CHE, GBR, USA, EC
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- AUS, AUT, GRC, IRL, NLD, NZL, PRT

**Other Providers**

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Can triangular co-operation be an effective modality of development co-operation?
Claimed Benefits

- **DAC Members**
  - Financial and technical support
  - Relevant expertise
- **Beneficiary countries**
  - Services and technologies at low prices
- **Other providers of development co-operation**
Challenges

- Co-ordinating more partners → more costs?
- Involving beneficiary countries
- Enlarging scope/scale of projects
Can aid effectiveness principles help?
How?

- Active participation of beneficiary countries: **OWNERSHIP**
- Respect for national development priorities: **ALIGNMENT**
- Delegation of responsibilities: **HARMONISATION**
**Questions**

- When is triangular co-operation a suitable alternative to other modalities (bi-, multi-, SSC)?
- How can we reduce the co-ordination costs of triangular co-operation?
- Can we agree on principles of effective triangular co-operation?
- How can we match supply and demand?